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**From:** Pete Brownell  
**Sent:** Friday, October 09, 2015 8:02 PM  
**To:** Paul Erickson  
**Subject:** Re: Global Grinnell God.

Paul,

You have a way with words. I really enjoyed meeting you and glad you were hosting Maria on her trip. I hope she met the right political candidates here in Iowa. They are as thick as flies around here and almost as pesky at times.

It is very interesting times to be involved with the NRA right now. I could not ask for a hotter crucible to be in for the experience gained is definitely tempering to one's character.

Our team is looking at Adcor right now. We are looking for someone to do production for them with the licensing fee or along the same lines someone buying the intellectual property out right.

In the AR15 market right now there seems to be an over abundance of product. All of this product is interchangeable though. I believe Adcor has is an innovative idea, which is sorely lacking in this industry right now.

We should have some ideas passed back to you within a couple of weeks.

Without sounding like I'm gushing, it was a real pleasure spending time with you and Maria this last week.

Pete

Sent from my iPhone  
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On Oct 8, 2015, at 4:05 PM, Paul Erickson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Weapons King / Real Estate Development Magnate / Lapsed "Hawkeye" / Future NRA President,

Thank you SO much for your gracious hospitality yesterday – it was a rare privilege to be given a tour of the "Brownells lair" by the President & C.E.O. himself! The impressiveness of your operation and delicious international lunch was only exceeded by your generous spirit.

I also greatly appreciated your kindness toward our "vast right wing conspiracy" Russian ally, Maria Butina. Her cause is just, her courage is spectacular and her future leadership prospects bright. In the near term, she is more than capable of opening up a new geographic market for your growing empire. In the long term, she could prove to be an historic political reformer . . . in a bilateral U.S. / Russian relationship that will need such camaraderie later this century.

I will impose upon your political instincts as the Iowa caucus process unfolds this winter for updates from the cornfields – and promise to keep you informed of any juicy political tidbits that might be fun

for you. (For example, Kevin McCarthy would have been well advised to have followed the golden rule of his wedding day being the end to his dating days . . . before seeking the office of Speaker . . . .)

Finally, I'm thrilled to have now personally witnessed your sharp and commanding presence – and what it will portend for your tenure as NRA President beginning in 2017. The movement is always well-served by strong leaders who communicate with purpose and belief.

Let me know if you'd ever like to pursue Adcor Industries as part of the greater Brownells family – it remains an interesting opportunity, spotted early (as always) by "our David Keene."

Never Too Early, Never Too Late,  
Paul

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